

## **Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program**

Provides re-housing and help for individuals moving from emergency or transitional shelters to permanent housing, or improves the housing situations of individuals and families who are homeless or in the worst housing situations in the geographic area; stabilizes the housing of individuals and families who are in imminent danger of losing housing; and improves the ability of the lowest-income residents of the community to afford stable housing.

**Nature of Program:** Competitively awarded grants for rent, mortgage, or utility assistance, security deposits, relocation assistance, short-term emergency lodging, construction of new housing units to provide transitional or permanent housing, acquisition or rehabilitation of a structure to provide non-emergency transitional or permanent housing, property leasing, rental assistance, and payment of operating costs for assisted housing units.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Organizations eligible to receive a grant under this program include private nonprofit entities and county and local governments.

**Legal Authority:** Subtitle D of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11408). Regulations are under development.

**Note:** The Preventing Mortgage Foreclosures and Enhancing Mortgage Credit Act was signed into law on May 20, 2009 (Public Law 111-22). Division B of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-22) (HEARTH Act) repealed the Rural Homeless Housing Assistance program, which had never been implemented or funded, and created the Rural Housing Stability Assistance program.

**Administering Office:** Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) in the Office of Community Planning and Development, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

**Information Sources:** Administering office and local HUD field offices.  
On the Web: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/rural-housing>

**Current Status:** Being implemented.